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Mrs. Walton Hostess.

Mrs. W. A. Walton was hostess last evening at a lovely dinner party given at her home on Kirkland street in honor of Miss Mary Hollins of Nashville, Tenn.

The rooms were very attractively decorated in Christmas colors. Palms and ferns were used to advantage. In the dining room a silver candelabra with red shades, and other red candles, were burning upon the table. Roses and asparagus ferns were effectively massed around the candles. Each place was designated with a glass card in Christmas design, and a red rose bud also added to the lovely effect.

After a lovely course dinner, the guests enjoyed an informal musical program in the drawing room.

Mrs. Walton wore a handsome black velvet gown with a lace fichu. Miss Hollins was gowned in a peacock blue satin draped with black lace, and looked very charming.

Mrs. John Walton, Dr. Sarah Davis and Mrs. J. E. Lucas assisted Mrs. Walton in entertaining. Those present were Misses Mary Hollins, Louise Pruitt, Nora Sharpe, Susie Lee Walton, Daisy Livingston, Ned Lucas, Myra Lou Ware, Mildred Pearce, Ellene Merryday, Winifred Haughton, Mayme Thomas, Messrs. Jerome Bruce, Will Walton, Joe Harrell, Lew Barstow, Henry McKenzie, H. N. Kirkman, Noah Tilghman, Frank Chapman, Harold Merryday, Charles Burt and Jerry Bogue.

Miss Jimmie Green leaves this afternoon for Branford where she will spend the Xmas holidays as the guest of relatives.

Miss Annie Stone leaves this afternoon for Winter Park where she will remain for the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. W. N. Blackwood left yesterday for her home in Oviedo. She came up to be with Mrs. J. M. Founds during her illness. Mrs. Founds has been ill for four weeks, but is now convalescent.

Miss Irene Yelverton arrived home last night from the Woman's college, Tallahassee, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Yelverton.

Miss Priscilla Hamm, who is a student in the Woman's college, Tallahassee, returned last evening and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hamm.

Miss Effie Appleby left yesterday for Allendale, S. C., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Fred Lecks returned home today

from the University of Florida, Gainesville, to remain during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. F. M. Austin and Miss Evelyn Austin motored to Jacksonville today to spend the day.

Mrs. E. P. Chamberlin of Atlanta, arrived today and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Chamberlain Jr. at their home on South Fourth street.

Miss Omar Davis arrived today from Orlando, where she is a student in the Cathedral School. She will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howell A. Davis.

Mrs. Goss Mattox will entertain this evening with a dance, complimentary to her sister, Miss Myra Lou Ware, who is her guest.

Miss Emily Nerwich, who is attending the Cathedral School at Orlando, arrived today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Nerwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Cooper, and son, Edward Crill, of Jacksonville, will arrive tomorrow, to be the guests of Mrs. Cooper's mother, Mrs. Josephine Crill, at her home on the Heights.

Mrs. Ridley Wilkinson, of Jacksonville, will arrive tomorrow. She will remain here throughout the Christmas holidays as the guest of her mother, Mrs. S. J. Kennerly.

Mrs. J. A. Spring, of Philadelphia, Pa., will arrive this evening for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Haughton.

Mrs. S. R. Bowen, and Mrs. Kenneth Brenizer, of Hastings, are shopping visitors in Palatka this afternoon.

J. Z. Walters, of South Carolina, who has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Weeks, for ten days, returned home last evening.

Mrs. D. C. Biggs, of Hastings, is a shopper in Palatka today.

F. P. Tenney, of Federal Point, is a business visitor in Gem City today.

Mrs. Harry Thipps of Atlanta, who is spending the winter in Florida, was the guest of Mrs. E. N. Jelks yesterday.

H. E. Merryday spent yesterday in Jacksonville on business.

Miss Myra Lou Ware, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Goss Mattox for several weeks, will return to her home in Georgia tomorrow.

Chomwell Anderson arrived this morning from Gainesville where he is a student at Florida University. He will remain here for the Christmas holidays.

Lawrence Wolfenden returned this morning from Gainesville, where he is a student at Florida University, and will remain home for the Christmas holidays.

ORLANDO MAKES BID FOR CITRUS EXCHANGE

FREE SITE IS OFFERED FOR A PERMANENT BUILDING.

Committee Named to Make Investigation of Advantages Orlando Claims to Have.

TAMPA, Dec. 19—Offer of a free site for the erection of a building, made by Orlando interests, was brought before the directors of the Florida Citrus Exchange at their regular meeting yesterday. Reports that Orlando was seeking to get the exchange to move its headquarters to that city have been current for some time, periodical efforts having been made in the past by different cities to secure the institution. As soon as the Orlando offer was announced, D. C. Gillett, director from Hillsborough county, stated that he felt sure that he could promise an available free sit in Tampa whenever the exchange decides to build its own home.

The fact that the exchange is desirous of erecting an adequate building of its own at the earliest practical date, and the further fact that periodical efforts are made by other cities to get the exchange to move its headquarters to various places, make it very desirable that the exchange settle the matter of its permanent location once for all, according to Dr. J. H. Ross, president. For that reason a committee was named to go into the matter, this committee consisting of H. G. Putnam, Oak Hill; P. C. Peters, Winter Garden; P. C. Gillett, Tampa; E. Parkinson of Alva, and J. W. Ponder of Sarasota.

This committee will make a thorough investigation of the advantages offered by Orlando and those offered by Tampa and will take into consideration a large number of points before reaching a decision. Among these will be transportation, telegraph and telephone facilities, water freight rates, etc. The exchange has had its headquarters in Tampa ever since its organization and probably will not move unless it can be shown that a substantial benefit will result. Besides the main offices of the exchange, there are located the headquarters and ware-houses of the Exchange Supply Company, the fertilizer factory of the same and the headquarters of the Growers' Loan Company, as well as the plant of the Florida Grower. Tampa also has water rates, railroad, telephone and telegraph facilities and is close to Ross, the new town where the big crate mill of the exchange is located.

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LIQUOR TRAINS GUARDED.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 19—Liquor trains leaving here with whiskey for exportation from American ports are protected by heavily armed guards it became known today. The precaution was made necessary when a freight car which left for San Francisco with \$60,000 worth of liquor was found empty when it reached its destination.

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GOVERNOR SMITH MAY BE DEMOCRATIC HEAD

WITH HIM DEMOCRATS MIGHT CINCH NEW YORK STATE.

Close Friends Have Intimated That He Is Willing to Try His Political Steel.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—Is Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York a possibility for the democratic presidential nomination in 1920?

New York state is important to the democratic party if it hopes to elect a president to succeed Woodrow Wilson.

No New York candidate can carry New York state for the democratic party without the support of Tammany, and the Tammany vote is in Greater New York. Gov. "Al" Smith is a Tammany man selected for governor by Charles F. Murphy, Tammany chieftain. But he was accepted by all factions of the party, was elected by 1,009,936 votes to 994,828 for Governor Whitman, and carried Greater New York by upward of 270,000, the largest plurality ever recorded any candidate.

Best Liked, Most Attacked.

Governor Smith has been the best liked and most violently attacked governor New York, perhaps, ever had. Should he be selected as democratic standard bearer in 1920, it will be very largely because of his spectacular fight with William Randolph Hearst.

Naming of Smith for the governorship by the democrats smashed the ambitions of Hearst, who had built up a state-wide organization and was prepared to run.

In spite of this, during the gubernatorial campaign the Hearst papers editorially supported Smith, but the governor early in his administration forfeited Hearst's support by his independent course in making appointments and by his failure to support Mayor Hylan in the latter's moves against the traction interests in New York city.

Challenges Hearst to Open Debate.

The Hearst attack, however, has centered upon the governor on the "milk question." Although the republican legislature had taken away any control by the governor over the state council of farms and markets, which has jurisdiction over the milk problem, Hearst charged Gov. Smith was responsible for the midsummer increase in the price of milk. His attacks have steadily increased in bitterness.

On Oct. 23, the governor challenged Hearst to open debate. A committee of 100 citizens hired Carnegie Hall and invited Hearst to meet Smith.

Hearst refused.

The governor is not quite 46. He has risen from the ranks of the poor. He is married and has five children, and lives in the simplest style. He is, as his friends say, "a hog for work," but he enjoys a game of golf.